

The Intelligencer.

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"A Green Christmas makes a fat church."

As esteemed fellow citizen who has

laid his hands on a fat church, he

knows whether he really has such a

person as a street commissioner among us.

judging from the frequency of the same

injury of late—functus officio, at least.

presume he is dead—functus officio, at least.

We notice an increasing number of sales

of land in Washington county, Pa., at \$30

per acre. The old time prices for land

were getting fashionable once more.

People up there evidently think that it is

worth something to live in that county and

charge accordingly for the privilege. No

under the average Washington county

man sets such a high value on himself

when met with elsewhere.

When we think of that great statesman,

Jefferson, of West Virginia, as once at the

head of the Committee of Commerce in

Congress, and now perceive that his suc-

cessor is not so much as placed on the Com-

mittee we mourn for those better days of

the Republic when great men were appre-

ciated. What is to become of the naviga-

tion of the Potomac? we know not. The

"old canoe" will, we suppose, have to be

replaced by a scowling willow of some kind.

The New York Times, New York Tribune

and Chicago Tribune look upon the selection

of ex-Senator Howe for Postmaster

General as a very indifferent one. The

New York Tribune says that he has "no

traces at all" for the place. The Times says

that it is "about on a par with that of Mr.

Key." The Chicago Tribune congratulates

Mr. Howe that "in his assiduous angling

for the third term he has hooked something

of a kind." The Philadelphia Times says

that "the selection is not at all creditable,"

and further remarks that

"The fact that a son-in-law of the ex-

Senator was employed as counsel for the

Star, and that it is impossible for him

to be a fair and impartial official, is a

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BOUNCING THE CLERKS

WHO MISREPRESENTED THE STATES

And Sold Their Birthplaces for Soft "Sits" in the

Treasury Department—Virginia Legislative

Matters—Mrs. Scoville's Plea for the

Protection of Her Husband.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—There have

been lately a considerable number of re-

movals in various portions of the Treasury

Department, generally among the smaller

clerkships. Yesterday a few first-class

clerks were removed, and to-day several

more, among them several ladies. The

chiefs of the bureaus from which these peo-

ple were removed made inquiry at the ap-

pointment office to find if charges were

preferred against these people, and ascer-

tained that there were none preferred. The

only explanation given was that their

places were wanted for other persons. The

explanation of this apparent infraction of

the civil service rules is as follows.

During the early part of President Gar-

field's administration the city was filled

with office seekers from every part of the

country and places had to be made for a

large number of people. Many States

already had their quotas full, and many

would-be clerks cheerfully misrepresented

their places of residence in order to secure

a position. Large numbers of people from

Connecticut and other Eastern States re-

presented themselves as coming from

Dakota, Minnesota and the Territories.

Since Lamphere was fired, the investiga-

tion of the record and fitness of every clerk

in the department has been going on at

the appointment office, and as a result a

number of clerks who have misrepresented

their States have been given indefinite leave

of absence.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

Railroad Sale—Measures Introduced by

Hildegarde.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—A Rich-

mond dispatch says: Mr. Hildegarde to-

day introduced in the Senate a bill rat-

ifying the sale by the Board of Public Works

of the claim of the State against the At-

lantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad Com-

pany, for \$500,000. Also a bill confirming

the sale of the capital stock of the Nor-

folk & Western Railroad. Also a

bill for the return to the public

schools of the State of a portion of the

money diverted therefrom. The latter bills

provide that the \$500,000 realized by the

State's interest in the Atlantic, Mississippi

& Ohio Railroad shall be used for the

benefit of the public school system, \$100,-

000 of the said amount to be devoted to

the establishment of a colored normal

school. The Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio

Railroad has been bought by the Norfolk

& Western Railroad, and it is the intention

to run a branch from Wytheville to Point

Pleasant, West Virginia.

MRS. SCOVILLE CONCERNED

About the Safety of Her Husband and

Brother, and Asks Assistance.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Mrs. Scoville

came into Marshall Henry's office to-day

and made a strenuous appeal to the

Marshall for the protection of her brother,

the murderer. She said that Mr. Scoville

was continually in receipt of threatening

letters, and that she thought the Marshall

ought to take some extraordinary precau-

tions for the safety of both. Mr. Henry told

her he would see that both were protected

while in the court room, but that she had

better see the police to secure protection

for her husband. She said that she had

seen the police and that they had refused

to help her. She then demanded that

something be done, and grew very much

disturbed when informed that Guitau

DISGUSTED DEMOCRATS.

The Shining Lights Had Under a Bushel

in the Committee Assignments.

Special Dispatch to the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The House

Committee continue to be the most inter-

esting subject here. Democrats are very

much disgusted at their assignments as a

rule. Atkins, formerly Chairman of the

Committee on Appropriations, is put after

Cox and Blackburn. Money, of Missis-

sippi, who was Chairman of the Postoffice

Committee of the last Congress, is made

second among the Democrats, Springer,

who has never served on a committee,

being placed ahead of him. Whitborne,

who was Chairman of the Committee on

Naval Affairs, is not on that committee.

Atkins threatens to refuse to serve on Ap-

propriations and to suggest to the Speaker

that he appoint a Pennsylvania member in

his (Atkins) place. Money talks of declin-

ing to serve on the Postoffice Committee.

In their disappointment and indignation,

some of the members allege that the Penn-

sylvania Railroad Company and other cor-

porations wield considerable influence

in the formation of committees. Democrats

say the Election Committee is in the inter-

est of Republican contestants for seats from

the South. They admit there are several

broader-minded Republicans on the Com-

mittee, but maintain that Messrs. Pettibone

Tennessee, Jones of Texas, and Paul of

Virginia are Southern Republicans, one a

Greenbacker and one a Readjuster, and

ought not to have been put in a position to

pass judgment upon contested cases from

the South. The Democratic opinion of

these men is that they will be governed

more by private than by public opinion.

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MILDER THAN USUAL.

PROCEEDINGS IN GUITEAU'S TRIAL.

The Assauls Come into Court in a Bad Humor,

but Manage to Hold Himself Tolerably

Level.—The Question of Dismissal Im-

posed.—A Discomfited Witness.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Guitau

came into the court room this morning ap-

parently under some strong excitement.

Col. Chas. Reed took a seat by his side and

whispered something to him. Guitau,

striking the table violently, began to ex-

postulate, saying: "I want to do anything

of the kind. I—" At this point Scoville

whispered some expostulation, when Guitau

angrily said to him: "I want have your

complainting my case by your foolish

questions. You must get off my case if you

can't stop complaining." A whispered

consultation between the three mentioned

seemed to result in pacifying the prisoner,

who looked up with a smile and said: "I

was going to make a speech, but I have

changed my mind and guess I won't do it."

He busied himself opening his mail, re-

marking: "This is the first time I have

opened my mail myself for some time."

WASN'T OLD ENOUGH YET.

Dr. Theodore Diamond, of Auburn, N. Y.,